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Serial No: 09/710,815

Examiner: Steven J. Ganey

Filed : November 10, 2000

For : **AIR BLOWER FOR EXTINGUISHING FIRES
AND METHOD FOR EXTINGUISHING FIRES**

AMENDMENT B

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of April 1, 2003, please amend the application as

follows:

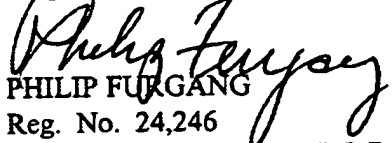
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device disclosed by *Colodner*, exhaust is fed to the air intake. This has the advantage of cooling the blower, whereas this advantage is not present in *Colodner*. Also, the claims recite the structure of the valve responsible for this function.


All claims are allowable over the prior art and favorable action is eagerly and earnestly solicited. If any issues remain, and the Examiner believes a telephone conversation will resolve such issues, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,


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